

*We have now received updated guidelines from the government which confirms that very little has changed for places of religious worship; appropriate social distancing is required, masks are to be worn, hard surfaces sanitised, limitations on singing, etc.*

### **Face Masks**

*As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.*

### **Contact Tracing**

*We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.*

### **Singing**

*We are also still awaiting an update on COVID-19 restrictions with regard to congregational singing. Over the past few weeks, there has been some 'musical muttering into masks'! The organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.*



### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
**and also with you.**

### **Hymn No. 366 (Praise, my soul)**

*[Verses 1-2]*

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness.

### **The Penitence**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

***Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.***

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*(Silence)*

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed,***

***and in what we have left undone.***

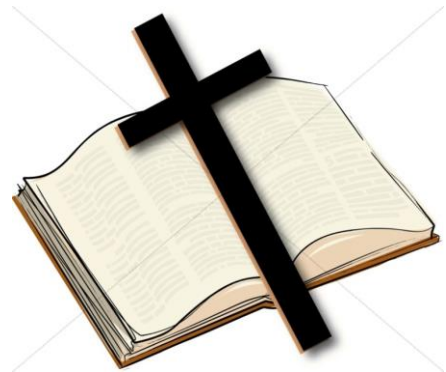
***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

***For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,***

***have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

***Gloria – we are omitting the Gloria as we are required to keep the service as short as possible.***



## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### The Collect of the Sunday before Advent

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet,  
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 366**  
**(Praise, my soul)**

*[Verse 3]*

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
 well our feeble frame he knows;  
 in his hands he gently bears us,  
 rescues us from all our foes.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Widely as his mercy flows!

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

**The Holy Gospel - John 18: 33-37**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 18, beginning at verse 33.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers

would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 366**  
**(Praise, my soul)**

*[Verse 4]*

Angels, help us to adore him;  
 ye behold him face to face;  
 sun and moon bow down before him,  
 dwellers all in time and space.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise with us the God of grace.

**The Sermon**

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

**The Nicene Creed (shortened version)**

***We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord,  
 Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.***

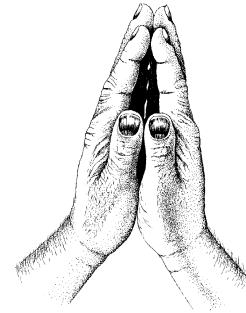
***We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
Amen.***

**November is traditionally the month of remembering. Two weeks ago, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021, and today, we give thanks for, and remember those, who have been part of our lives who have gone home to God. The following names are of those whom we have been asked to remember by name. There is a candle lit on the altar/communion rails for each person or family. There are also some who wish to remember their loved ones privately today rather than having their names mentioned, and one of the large candles on the altar rails is lit to remember them, and the other one is lit to remember all who have died from COVID-19.**

Patricia and Derrick Hill  
Donald and Joan Forbes  
George and Joan Husbands  
Billy and Sybil Mellon  
Brian and Gail Chamberlain  
Ben Kennedy  
Ian McNab  
The Hill Family and the McNab Family  
Joe and Gwen Morgan  
Harry and Alfred Kincaid  
Gordon Smart  
Filla Harrington  
Malcolm Fraser  
Cathleen Ryan  
Margaret and Denis Phelan  
Dorothy Doyle  
Nicola Walker  
Barbara McCutcheon  
Elci Faulim Quadros  
June and Arthur White  
Marion and Jack McConnell

Andrew and Elizabeth Crawford  
Betty Trotter  
Wendy Wallace  
Flo Burgess  
Florrie and Blair Halliday  
Phyllis Hodgins  
Violet Telford  
Jennifer Robinson  
Theresa Morris and her parents  
Terry and Geoffrey Donnelly  
Emma McManus  
Cooleen Dunphy  
Karen Morris

**Musical Reflection – Hymn No. 325 –  
Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**



**Intercessions (please kneel or sit)**

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

***Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake  
of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!*



thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

## The Peace

*[Please stand if you are able]*

Jesus said, A new commandment I  
give to you, that you love one another:  
even as I have loved you, that you also  
love one another. *John 13: 34*

The peace of the Lord be always with  
you.  
***And also with you.***

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will be  
having a retiring collection; there are  
baskets at the doors of the church in which  
you may place your collection or envelope.  
You may wish to donate to the church  
online or electronically and the treasurers  
would be happy to give you the required  
details.*

## Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 346

### (Angel voices)

*[Verses 1-2]*

Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest nor day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our Passover has been  
sacrificed for us.

***therefore let us celebrate the  
feast.***

### The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3

The Lord is here.

***His Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

***It is right to give him thanks and  
praise.***

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise  
you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not  
reject us. You came to meet us in  
your Son, welcomed us as your  
children and prepared a table where  
we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we  
might live in him and he in us.

***He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.***

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you:  
you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
***dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising, you restored our life;  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.***

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:

***may we recognise him in our midst  
and in each other.***

### The Invitation

## **The Communion**

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in the interests of having as little movement of the*



*congregation as possible, please remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.*



### **The Great Silence**

*A time for reflection*

### The Post Communion Prayer

***Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that plenteously bearing the fruit of  
good works  
they may by you be plenteously  
rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

***God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
may we, who have shared at this  
table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on  
earth,  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of  
your kingdom;***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

### The Blessing including the Mizpah Prayer

May God watch between you and me while we are parted from one another. May God watch between you and your loved ones while you are parted from one another...

God give you grace to share the inheritance of all his saints in glory:  
the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Hymn No. 346 (Angel voices)

*[Verses 3-4]*

In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,  
hearts and minds, and hands and voices,  
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit, thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity.  
of the best that thou hast given, earth and heaven render thee.

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

*In the interests of trying to keep all who come to our churches safe, please take away this service sheet and any other items that you may have brought with you or used in church this morning. Thank you.*

*Stay well and stay safe.*



***PJ's Christmas Coffee Morning and Mini Fair with Raffle and Santa Claus which was scheduled for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 has been***

***cancelled***

***due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases and the need to limit social contacts and gatherings.***

**The raffle will go ahead.**

**For the past number of years, we have been fundraising for a new heating system and to make St Philip and St James' Church more user-friendly for those who have particular additional needs or requirements.**

**We are sending two books of raffle tickets to every household in the parishes, and asking if you would sell them, and return the money and the counter-foils to The Rectory before Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 please. We would really appreciate your support.**

**We realise that some people may not wish to sell or buy raffle tickets. If that is the case, please return the tickets as soon as possible to The Rectory so that they may be sold elsewhere.**

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**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

*in the Canon Osborne Barr Room*  
Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**St Thomas' Church at 10.30**  
*Midweek Holy Communion Service*



*Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!*



## **Confirmation Class**

**Saturday in The Canon**  
**Osborne Barr Room St Philip**  
**and St James' Parish Centre**

***Time to be confirmed***

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## **Services next Sunday**

**8.30 Holy Communion in St**  
**Thomas' Church**

**10.30 United Service of the Word**  
**for Advent Sunday in St Philip**  
**and St James' Church**  
*(live-streamed)*

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## **MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY**  
**MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**  
**20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

## **BOOTERSTOWN AND**

## **CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**  
**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**  
**20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

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